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Attached hereto are certified copies of applicants' corresponding patent applications filed in Japan on July 10, 2000 under Nos. 2000-207972 and 2000-207973.

Applicants herewith claim the benefit of the priority filing dates of the above-identified applications for the above-entitled U.S. application under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119.

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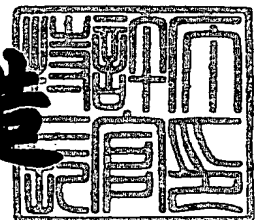
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